



PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No: 11675.106

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
John H. Givens)
Serial No.: 08/801,812) Art Unit 2814
Filed: February 14, 1997)
For: UTILIZATION OF ENERGY ABSORBING)
LAYER TO IMPROVE METAL FLOW AND FILL)
IN A NOVEL INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE)
Examiner: Kurt Eaton)

PROMPTNESS CERTIFICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I hereby certify that no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this statement, or, to the knowledge of the undersigned attorney of record after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the

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Dated this 28 day of June 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



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